

II and III. The Examiner has stated that Groups I and III, and II and IV are related as product and process of using the product.

The Examiner also stated the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claims invention: the species listed in Claims 6, 7 and 8. Finally, the Examiner has stated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: SEQ ID NO: 1, 2 or 3.

Provisional Election Without Traverse

Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group III, Claim 10, the species listed in Claim 6, and SEQ ID NO. 1 corresponding to Claim 9. Applicants request that the remaining claims, 1-5, 7 and 8 be withdrawn without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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